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Robertson announces 2018 retirement from PERS



Pat Robertson, executive director of the Public Employees' Retirement System of Mississippi (PERS), has announced her retirement for mid-to-late 2018.

A graduate of Mississippi State University with a bachelor's in accounting, Robertson has worked at PERS since 1980 and has served as the agency's executive director since 2005 – the fifth executive director since PERS was founded in 1952. After almost four decades in service to the members, retirees, and employers of PERS and to the people of the state of Mississippi, Robertson has seen many changes to the System including the increase of agency assets from \$1 billion (1980) to nearly \$26 billion (fiscal year-to-date 2017), and the growth of PERS membership from 143,000 (1980) to nearly 400,000 today.

"During my tenure as executive director, I have endeavored to lead this agency with honesty and integrity, keeping in mind my role as a public servant, a representative of Mississippi, and a leader to my staff," Robertson said. "My retirement will be bittersweet as it will be difficult to leave something I care about so much; however, I am ready to enjoy a new chapter in my life and welcome new leadership to this agency."

Robertson's retirement will take place in 2018 following the selection of a new executive director by the PERS Board of Trustees. With that objective in mind, the Board has created an Ad Hoc Committee to begin the search for the new executive director.

For more information and to read Robertson's letter on her retirement, visit www.pers.ms.gov.

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